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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicant hereby cites the following reference(s):

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International Search Report from Corresponding International Application No. PCT/JP2004/017827, dated March 1, 2005, 1 page.

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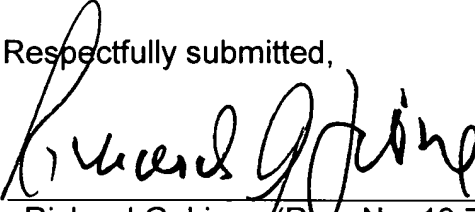
Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

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